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Shelbyville-area National Guard soldiers to be honored at "Freedom Salute" on Saturday

To include volunteers from Lawrenceburg, Pulaski and Winchester

NASHVILLE – Tennessee National Guard soldiers from Shelbyville's Detachment 1, Co. G, 473rd Forward Support Company, will be recognized during "Freedom Salute" ceremonies Saturday, March 31, at Cascade High School in Wartrace.

Approximately 145 Middle Tennessee soldiers and their families will be honored at the program, set to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the school gymnasium, 1165 Wartrace-Bell Buckle Road in Wartrace.

The Tennessee Guardsmen were deployed for a period of 14 months, a year of which was spent in Iraq. They left Tennessee in September, 2005, and the last unit members returned home in November of 2006, just days before Thanksgiving. Deploying with the Shelbyville unit were soldiers from Lawrenceburg, Pulaski, Winchester and other Middle Tennessee National Guard units who volunteered to go to Iraq.

Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett, Tennessee's Adjutant General, will be on hand to present each soldier with a beautiful cased American Flag, a ceremonial coin, a medallion, and lapel pins to commemorate their service to their country.

The prestigious Minuteman Statue and a framed flag mosaic will be presented to two persons or organizations for their support of the Middle Tennessee Guardsmen and their families during the deployment.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend all ceremonies.

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